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Walter Reed Bethesda Has Talent



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Walter Reed National Military Medical Center's (WRNMMC) staff members showcased their versatility during a talent show, which also offered a light-hearted forum for fellowship, on Oct. 30 in the America Building lobby.

A large crowd of staff, beneficiaries and visitors stopped by the event where members of the Walter Reed Bethesda One Team sang, dance and "showed their chops" on instruments to the delight of those in attendance.

Walter Reed Bethesda Resiliency and Psychological Health Service partnership team put on the talent show to "boost staff morale and enhance the emotional well-being throughout the command," explained Cmdr. Dwayne Buckingham, who chairs the team. He said the idea for the event came out of a brainstorming session during a team meeting.

"One of the most effective ways to enhance personal and professional prosperity among personnel in the workplace is to have fun and create conditions that promote positive energy and connectivity," he added.

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Jeffrey Clark, director of WRNMMC, opened the talent show with the remark, "How nice it is to come together in fellowship at events such as this talent show." The director has said, "We work together [and] we do great things together, but it's also important we gather just to enjoy each other in fellowship."

Hospitalman Jody Hartman sang the national anthem, and then Walter Reed Bethesda's talent went on display.

Buckingham, along with Lois Clinton and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Justin Juarez were judges for the contest and se-

lected winners based on "overall performance, creativity, stage appearance, personality and audience participation."

Hospitalman Zevan Lejeune, who works in Internal Medicine, stole the show and took first place with his saxophone solo of an original song called "Outstanding."

"I feel great about winning," Lejeune said. "It was fun. It would be nice to have more events like this for staff," he added.

Lejeune said he's been playing the saxophone for 20 years. He said he didn't take a lot of time to practice and he "put the music and everything together the night before."

Hostpital Corpsman 3rd Class Shawana Penro, assistant to the chief of Executive Services, earned second-place honors with her rendition of Alicia Keys' song, "No One." The Sailor also gained enthusiastic audience participation during her performance.

Penro said she's been singing since she was a little girl. Even though she can routinely be found at command ceremonies singing the national anthem, she said she was a little nervous at first, singing in front of her co-workers.

"'No One' by Alicia Keys is a great song that I thought would get the audience involved, and I think I judged correctly since they began to sing with me," Penro said. "I think their involvement made my performance even better," she added.

The third-place award was captured by Army Capt. Anthony Ealey and Felix Mercado, both from Internal Medicine. Ealey sang a ballad and Mercado accompanied him on guitar.

Those who attended the event agreed, Walter Reed Bethesda has talent.

Hospitalman Zevan Lejeune makes the America Building lobby come alive, playing his own composition "Outstanding" during the Resiliency and Psychological Health Service "We've Got TALENT!" staff talent show on Oct. 30.

Commander's Column



In this week's column, I plan to provide some updated information related to the many ongoing construction projects aboard Naval Support Activity Bethesda.

Sanctuary Hall (Building 64) and its accompanying parking structure (Building 65) are located on Taylor Road next to Building 17. This building is designed to be a transient patient lodge. The lodge is 134,416 square feet in size, will provide a combination of approximately 200 mixed use rooms and suites, as well as common use areas, and is designed to achieve designation as a LEED Gold building. The expected delivery date for Buildings 64 and 65 is March 2014.

The Sanctuary Hall parking structure is 167,000 square feet and has approximately 470 parking spaces. The parking will be delivered in phases. The first phase is expected in late November or early December, and the final phase is to be delivered in March 2014.

The Child Development Center (CDC) is a three phase project to include Buildings 26, 87 and 88. Construction for the CDC, Building 87, began in March 2013 and includes a new single story building that is approximately 34,290 square feet and will accommodate 300 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. This building is being constructed with radiant heated floors as a part of its energy initiatives. The estimated completion date is late December 2013. The Continuous Child Care Facility (CCCCF) is smaller with approximately 5,000 square feet, and is designed to provide 24/7 child care and accommodate 20 children up to age 12. The concept of the CCCC is to seek to combine the strengths of in-home-style care with those of center-based care. The expected completion date is late February 2014. The final phase is a partial renovation, approximately 2992 square feet of the existing 27,700 square feet of the current CDC building. Upon completion, this building will accommodate 298 children, 6 weeks to 5 years old. The estimated completion date is late February 2014.

The USO Warrior and Family Center (Building 83) is located on Taylor Road, very near the future Sanctuary Hall, and between Tranquility

and Sanctuary Halls. This facility will be more than 16,000 square feet and divided in three specific zones. The first zone is Recreation and Normalcy. It will include a fireside lounge, kitchen and dining area, grill and patio area, and a combination sports lounge and gaming center. The second zone is Respite, which will provide a place of quiet contemplation and retreat. Respite will include a therapeutic enrichment studio, quiet seating zones and serene landscape area. The final

zone is Education and Work, and will include a life enrichment classroom, business center and a community room. This building will be dedicated to the late Prescott Bush (father of George H. W. Bush and grandfather of George W. Bush) for his support to the USO. From his time with the USO beginning in 1941, Bush raised more than \$210 million for the USO, which translated into today's dollars, is roughly \$2.6 billion. Building construction began in November 2012 and is scheduled for completion in March 2014.

The Comfort and Solace Buildings (Enlisted Barracks) are being refaced. Comfort Hall (Building 60) has the West Wing completed and the East Wing is scheduled for completion in February 2014. The Solace Hall (Building 61) renovations are scheduled to begin in April 2014 with completion scheduled for April 2016.

And last, in the past two weeks, construction has begun on the Dosimetry Temporary Medical Facility, which is approximately 10,000 square feet and is located in the northwest corner of the G parking lot. This building is being constructed to support the Comprehensive Master Plan/Medical Center Addition and Alterations (CMP/MCAA) project.

Construction aboard the installation will continue, and I will update you periodically with information on new projects as they begin, as well as existing projects as they progress.

Thank you for what you do every day.

**All ahead flank,
Capt. David Bitonti
Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Commanding Officer**

Bethesda Notebook

Joint Town Hall for Wounded Warriors

Naval Support Activity Bethesda and National Capital Region Medical Directorate will host a joint town hall for wounded warriors and their families today at 2:30 p.m. in Building 62's Warrior Café. For more information, call Gloria Twilly at 301-400-0131.

Audiology, Speech Center Workshop

The Audiology and Speech Pathology Center at Walter Reed Bethesda will host a 70th anniversary workshop and reception tomorrow beginning at 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. respectively, in the Memorial Auditorium and America Building. For more information, contact Kia Brooks at 301-400-0734.

'Scarred for Life,' Gaucher Disease

The National Museum of Health and Medicine at Forest Glen will host a free presentation about the exhibit, "Scarred for Life," concerning Gaucher's disease, a rare genetic disorder, on Nov. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Silver Spring Civic Building, Fenton Room, at 1 Veterans Place in Silver Spring, Md. The presentation will feature the artist of the exhibit, Ted Meyer, who has the disease. For more information, call 301-319-3303 or visit <http://www.medicalmuseum.mil>.

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Exercise Tests Response to Pandemic Influenza

By Bernard S. Little
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Walter Reed Bethesda conducted a Closed Point of Dispensing (CPOD) exercise recently, aimed at evaluating the medical center's CPOD operations plan using pandemic influenza as the scenario. CPOD is a location where pharmaceuticals and other medical material are dispensed in response to an urgent need.

Army Col. Casmere H. Taylor, chief of the Department of Public Health at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), explained the objectives of the exercise were to "direct mass prophylaxis [prevention and treatment] tactical operations; activate mass prophylaxis dispensing operations; establish points of dispensing; conduct triage and medical screening; conduct mass dispensing; and demobilize mass prophylaxis operations."

As part of the CPOD exercise, WRNMMC provided the injection and nasal mist to staff in the Memorial Auditorium.

Although WRNMMC conducted the CPOD exercise, Taylor said the National Institutes of Health, Suburban Hospital, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services,



Photo by Bernard S. Little

Walter Reed Bethesda staff receive the influenza vaccine and nasal mist during a Closed Point of Dispensing (CPOD) exercise recently, aimed at evaluating the medical center's CPOD operations plan using pandemic influenza as the scenario.

es, and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene were evaluators and observers in conjunction with WRNMMC Emergency Management staff. Readiness Clinic staff, health-care specialist students and cadre provided additional support for the exercise, said the colonel.

"Overall, this exercise met the intended objectives that the team established," Taylor said. "Most importantly, it validated the collaborative efforts required by a multifaceted team in

order to immunize a surplus of personnel within a given period of time. Although there were a few unplanned modifications, the team and external observers were well pleased with the flow of traffic during immunization, and the timeliness of data collection documenting each employee's immunization in the required data base that manages readiness."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Cities Readiness Initiative is a federal program designed

to develop and maintain the capability to respond to a large-scale bioterrorist event, such as an anthrax attack, by dispensing antibiotics from the Strategic National Stockpile to the entire population-at-risk within 48 hours, Taylor explained. "Meeting the intent of the Cities Readiness Initiatives at WRNMMC would require that WRNMMC provide treatment to 43,000 people within 48 hours," he added.

In the event of a public health emergency, such as

a pandemic, natural disaster or terrorist attack, it may be necessary to rapidly dispense medical countermeasures such as vaccines, antibiotics or antidotes, Taylor explained. In describing the scenario for last week's exercise, Taylor noted in March 2013, the World Health Organization reported three human cases of avian influenza A H7N9. In May, cases rose to approximately 130 with nearly 30 deaths. "Cases were limited to China with no human-to-human spread. By July 2013, human-to-human transmission was confirmed and influenza A H7NP had spread [beyond the China border]," the colonel said.

The H7N9 virus has not been detected in people or birds in the United States, and WRNMMC Emergency Department tracks influenza-like illnesses at the medical center, Taylor added.

Vaccines are important to help ensure the health of everyone, and it's always important to make sure your immunizations records are up-to-date, according to the Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network at WRNMMC. Immunization has led to the eradication of smallpox and rendered diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, and rubella increasingly rare.

Make Your Voice Heard with Commuter Feedback Survey



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class John K. Hamilton

Pedestrians are encouraged to use the crosswalk to safely cross from one side of the street to the other to enter the hospital onboard Naval Support Activity Bethesda.

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All personnel working onboard can take an online survey this month to evaluate their commuting experience.

"The Annual Commuter Survey is an ongoing survey that we conduct in the fall, and this year it is available from now until Nov. 30," said Ryan Emery, NSAB's transportation program manager. "It is an effort to obtain information about staff members' commuting patterns and gain feedback on areas of improvement and areas where that they

would like to see changes on campus."

In past years, the survey has been used to make several large improvements on base in key areas such as bus shelters, parking and similar issues. The bottom of the survey has a free response portion, which allows staff members to write any feedback or suggestions they might have, said Emery.

"It is a valuable tool for the command, because it is the customer's chance to provide feedback in an open and honest forum," he said.

The survey is open to all military, civilian and contract personnel, staff and students on the installation. After the survey con-

cludes, the feedback will be reviewed and a summary of the results will be published in a future issue of NSA Bethesda Commuter News, which can be found at <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/bethesda/newsandcurrentinfo/commuternews/index.htm>, said Emery.

Hans Semple, NSAB access control officer, said he has taken the Annual Commuter Survey every year since coming to the base in November of 2008, and he plans to take it again this year.

"It's important to get the perspective from as many commuters as possible to gather information about every aspect of commut-

ing and what areas we can improve on," said Semple. "The results of the survey are what tell the command what we need to know about a person's commute."

Semple said the survey usually take less than five minutes to complete, and is a way for staff members to be heard.

"I know every comment and bit of feedback on the surveys is read," he said.

The Annual Commuter Survey can be found online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NSABSurvey>. For more information or questions about the survey, contact Emery at Ryan.Emery@med.navy.mil or 301-319-3818.

Warrior Care Month

Collaboration, Seamless Care Characterize Work of Case Managers



Photo by Sharon Renee Taylor

Pamela Quinn, a nurse case manager who works with Marines at Walter Reed Bethesda, stops into the Warrior Clinic to check on Marine Staff Sgt. Glen A. Silva, right, before an appointment with his primary care provider, Navy Lt. (Dr.) Nathan Moss, left. Silva said Quinn helps him navigate the healthcare system to maximize access. "It's nice to have support like that," he said.

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Case managers from military treatment facilities (MTF) within the National Capital Area (NCA) celebrated Case Management Week in October, saluting those behind the scenes responsible for the continuity of care for wounded warriors and other healthcare beneficiaries.

"Thank you for the opportunity to recognize those who are so proficient and capable in bringing calm, peace, solving issues, resolving challenges and fortifying a sense of strong base and comfort, day in and day out, so that healing and safety can have their proper place," prayed Chaplain (Cmdr.) Barry Metzger, during an opening program on Oct. 15 in Building 62's Warrior Café.

A case manager works behind the scenes to facilitate access to care for those patients unable to do so for themselves, according to Anne Cobb, division chief case manager at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). A registered nurse in the field for nearly 30 years, Cobb and two others established the case management program at the former National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda in 1997.

The department at WRNMMC grew to more than 20 case managers with the integration of NNMC and the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in 2011 to form Walter Reed Bethesda. Cobb said the majority of

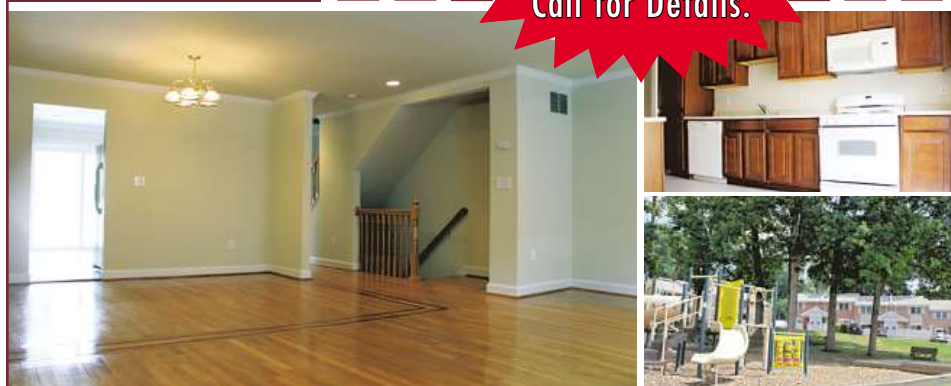
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inTransition Assists Troops in Continuum of Mental Health Care

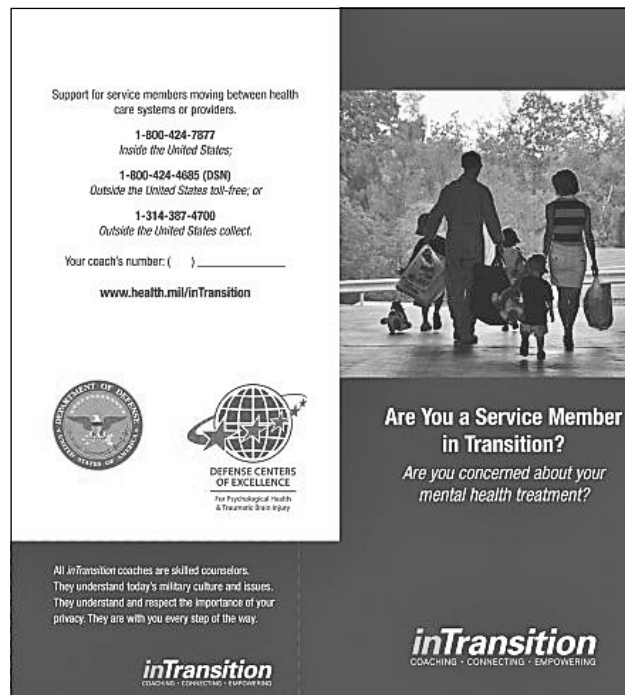
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inTransition is a free, voluntary and confidential personal coaching program available to assist service members and veterans in maintaining their mental health care as they change their status or relocate, improving the continuity of care.

George Lamb, outreach chief for the Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, explained the Department of Defense (DOD) Task Force on Mental Health identified a discontinuity of behavioral health care during times of service members' transitions as a concern of the DOD. In response, the inTransition program was established to assist in the continuum of mental health care support during transitions commonly experienced by service members.

Service members experiencing multiple forms of a transition are eligible to use the program, Lamb explained. A transition can include a change in their physical location. Another form of a transition is a change in military status. "Lastly changes in health care systems also constitute a transition," he added.

Times of transition, regardless of the type, can increase levels of stress for service members, according to Lamb. "With increased stress, service members may not continue with their mental health treatment. This program was developed to provide a telephonic coach to the service member to help empower them to



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maintain responsibility for their treatment and to motivate them to continue with their mental health treatment during the transition they are experiencing. The coach will also answer treatment questions the service member may have, providing information on healthy lifestyle choices and provide referrals based on need." inTransition coaches are master level, licensed clinicians, Lamb added.

"They do not provide direct clinical care, however, it is important to have these licensed professionals provide the coaching as risks may be identified during coaching calls that these professionals are fully trained to handle and provide the appropriate assistance. The coaches do not serve in a case management function; the service member who has a case manager will continue to work with them along with their assigned coach."

inTransition is open to all service branches, including the Guards and reservists, and is

part of a DOD Health Affairs policy that identifies and screens every service member with a mental health need for referral to the program, Lamb said. He added 97 percent of service members referred to the program accept the referral. He noted while 54 percent of referrals come from service members self-identifying, anyone - chaplains, first sergeants, friends and spouses — can refer an eligible person to inTransition.

Dr. Larry Lehmann, national program director for the VA Mental Health Disaster Response, Post Deployment Activities and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, said, "A transition in care can be even more stressful when a service member is not only changing provider, but is changing from one health-care system to another, such as from DOD to the VA. It's a time when inTransition coaching services can be extremely useful to help answer questions and help

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Navy Reserve Officer Faculty Opportunities at the U.S. Naval Academy

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The U.S. Naval Academy needs qualified Navy Reserve officers, especially at the ranks of lieutenant and lieutenant commander, with at least a master's degree in an appropriate academic discipline to instruct in designated academic departments for Fall 2014 and to serve as outstanding military role models and mentors for midshipmen.

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Instructor LT. Teng Ooi, second from right, poses with the Midshipmen of his Calculus II class at the U.S. Naval Academy Math Department in Annapolis, MD.

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- A full-length khaki photo.

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tive duty and assigned orders for an officer-instructor tour, not to exceed three years, commencing July 2014.

Recalled officers will remain on the reserve active status list and will remain eligible for promotion consideration before reserve selection boards. Selections will be made only after USNA

placement officers are confident that USNA billets will not be filled from the active duty pool of potential officer instructors. Applicants will be made aware of their selection status by mid-April 2014. Final arrangements are contingent upon PCS funding being available through the Navy.

SPOOK-tacular Brings out Halloween Fun



Photos by Katrina Skinner

It was a SPOOK-tacular day in the Military Advanced Training Center as patients, staff and family members came all dressed up and ready for some Halloween fun. (Left photo) Spc. John Harmon won 1st place for best patient costume. (Above photo) Army Sgt. Brendan Marrocco (right) and his brother Michael, won 1st place for best group costume. Marrocco is the first U.S. Soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan to survive a quadruple amputation after being injured by a roadside bomb in 2009. He received a bilateral arm transplant last December.

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the case managers at WRNMMC are registered nurses, with the remaining amount comprised of social workers. She said nearly 100 case managers serve the NCA at MTFs such as Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, DiLorenzo TRICARE Health Clinic at the Pentagon, Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center at Fort Meade, Md., and Malcolm Grow Medical Clinic and Surgery Center at Joint Base Andrews, Md., according to U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) statistics.

"I'm delighted that we're having this awareness because a lot of people don't know what it is we do," said Cobb. "We work really hard behind the scenes, feeding information to people to help the providers get things done, and make things more efficient."

Army Col. Risa Ware, deputy commander for nursing (DCN) at WRNMMC, has served as a nurse case manager and spoke at the ceremony. "The Army realized the vast importance and the great things that case management could do for our wounded warriors fairly early, probably in 2002," she explained. In 2003, Army nursing assets were moved to nurse case management, and civilians were hired, so the numbers have grown exponentially since 2002, she added.

"Our reserve counterparts were a huge part of that. They brought from the civilian sector their case management experience onto the active duty side to not only help take care of our Soldiers but to train us." Many Army Nurse Corps officers have completed nurse management training, worked in the field, and become certified, the DCN explained.

Air Force Col. Marla Buckles, chief of nursing services at Malcolm Grow Medical Clinic and Surgery Center, said case managers sit in on their weekly deployment availability working group, with one in every treatment facility, and help identify and track activity duty members undergoing Medical Evaluation Boards (MEBs). Buckles said one of the first nurse case managers who assisted with these groups, "helped to resolve a severe backlog of 200 medical evaluations in a record 50 days. So that tells you how effective you are as case managers."

Marine Staff Sgt. Glen Silva said he can think of many times Pam Quinn, his nurse case manager at Walter Reed Bethesda, has helped him. The Colorado-native sustained catastrophic injuries from an improvised explosive device

blast two years ago on patrol in Afghanistan, and lives without family nearby to help. During his daughter Elizabeth's month-long visit over the summer, the divorced father brought the 11-year-old with him to the ER at Walter Reed Bethesda when he began to experience painful side effects from a recent surgery.

"I was doing everything I could to stay focused, be as strong as I could for my daughter, and my daughter was holding it in and not crying," Silva said.

As soon as Pam Quinn rounded the corner, Elizabeth hugged the nurse case manager, and started bawling. Quinn remained with her until Silva was stabilized to return home later that evening. "It was comforting to know that my daughter felt comfortable enough with Pam that I could just focus on getting better," explained the Marine. "It's nice to have support like that."

"It was the right thing to do," Quinn said, tearing as Silva expressed his appreciation. The

registered nurse has spent the last three years as a nurse case manager at WRNMMC, most recently working with Marines who are wounded warriors. "I'm not just treating a condition or their injury — I'm taking care of the whole person and their family," she said.

Also during the week-long observance, six WRNMMC nurse case managers received NCA Case Management Awards: Case Manager of the Year went to Ashraf Jones, Robert Agosto was named LPN of the Year, Rhonda Leonard received the Spirit Award and the Publication Award went to Cobb. Registered nurses Jasmine Pollard, Symphosia Forbin, Nancy Spencer and Sarankay Mack received awards for innovative strategies, disease management, utilization management, and mentoring, respectively.

"Congratulations on your awards and the outstanding contributions you have made to the region!" Chisun S. Chun, director for Healthcare Operation, told the nurse case managers.

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keep the service member on course during this significant change." He added the ideal time to contact inTransition should be just before the service member transitions, at the second to last appointment by the referring provider.

The inTransition coaches also act as liaisons to assist members with employment assistance, housing and ongoing health care, he added.

"inTransition acts as the bridge of support between the DOD and VA; thus ensuring a smooth transition to the gaining provider with that important connection to a VA mental health provider," Lamb said.

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Respected Psychologist 'Would Not Have Chosen a Different Path'

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Forty-four years is a quite a while in anyone's life, and that's how long Dr. Marvin Podd, director of Navy clinical psychology training at Walter Reed Bethesda, has been a federal government employee. He will soon retire after what he describes as a rewarding career.

Podd, a native New Yorker who grew up in New Jersey, enjoyed the psychology courses he took in college and wanted to become a diagnostician and therapist. That led him to become a psychologist and to Walter Reed Bethesda.

"I would not have chosen a different path," he said.

He came to the then-National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in 1986 after 17 years at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he was chief psychologist of the O'Malley Division. There, he oversaw the hospital's day treatment program while managing eight psychologists. He also ran St. Elizabeths' two inpatient wards and served as a team leader and therapist on the intensive treatment inpatient ward while a member of the division's executive committee. His next career move was to NNMC.

Since his arrival here in the late 1980s, Podd said he has witnessed a number of changes, the most significant being the integration between the previous two icons in military medicine, NNMC and Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), to create the nation's largest joint military medical center, WRNMMC, two years ago.

"The integration afforded the opportunity to work closely with the Army psychology training program, and together we forged a program that capitalized on the best of the two previous programs," Podd said. "There are more patients with the integration, and psychologists have many more skills and taskings that are useful."

Podd said one of the most rewarding aspects of his job is helping to develop the skills of those who will carry on the legacy of providing world-class care to the nation's heroes and their families.

"Helping my residents to be more effective in helping patients is my greatest achievement, and seeing so many of them rise to important positions in the Navy makes me very proud," he added. "I am proud that about half of the psychology O-6 community (Navy captains and Army and Air Force colonels) is made up of my former students," he said.

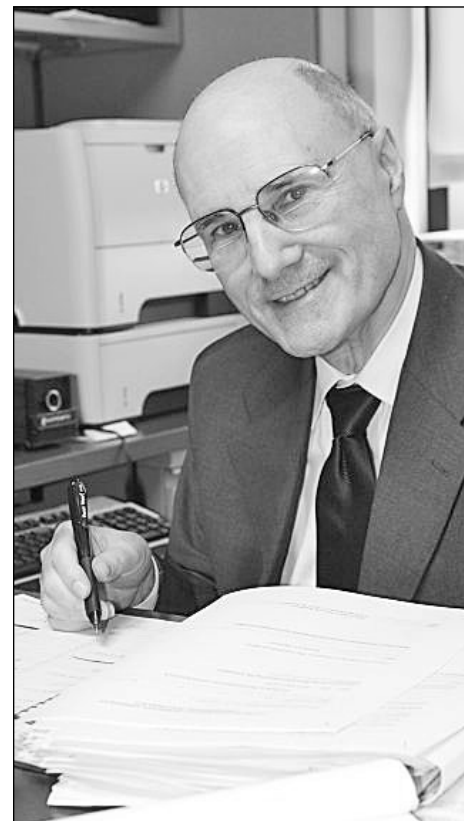


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Dr. Marvin Podd

"My individuality shows in how I expect residents to be honest with themselves, and know themselves well enough to use [this] as a therapeutic tool," he continued.

"Dr. Podd's contributions to the mission of Navy psychology cannot be overestimated," said Dr. Eric Getka, national training director for Navy psychology. "In his 27 years as the training director for [Walter Reed Bethesda's] clinical psychology internship program, he has prepared more than 120 psychologists to become independent providers."

Getka, who has known Podd for nearly 20 years and worked closely with him since 2005, added, "It is impossible to calculate the number of patients who have benefitted from the expertise [Podd] instilled in his trainees. Those of us who have worked with him at various times over these years have been privileged to see a master clinician and teacher in action. His presence in the Navy psychology community will be sorely missed."

In retirement, Podd said he plans to pursue his hobby of vocal group harmony, work on a book, as well as do some guest disc jockey spots with friends who have weekly radio shows featuring the music they love and collect.

"I also plan to visit my friends here [at Walter Reed Bethesda] from time to time, if they'll put me on the gate access list," Podd said with a smile.



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